

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 30-35 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-29 are canceled without prejudice and new Claims 30-35 are added by the present amendment.

This application is a divisional application of parent application Serial No. 10/125,374, filed on April 19, 2002.

New Claim 30 is similar to Claim 1 but includes similar features as Claims 10 and 11 from the parent application and further includes features of a metal layer in contact with a magnetically fixed layer that is arranged apart from a wiring, support for which is found in the specification at least in Figure 15 and at page 22, line 18, to page 23, line 6. Further, new Claims 31-35 include similar features as Claims 2-5 from the parent application and are supported in the specification at least in Figures 15-17, 49 and 50 at page 66, line 22, to page 67, line 23.

In addition, the specification is amended to include a reference to the parent application and to include the same change made to the parent application. It is believed no new matter is added.

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Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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